

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

ED GEORGE PARENTEAU,

Defendant.

**AFFIDAVIT**

10-CR-320 (TJM)

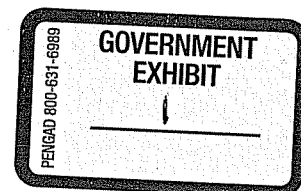
STATE OF NEW YORK :  
COUNTY OF ALBANY : SS.:

I, Christopher West, state as follows:

1. That I am a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and have been so employed for over one year. I am currently assigned to the Albany, New York Field Office where I work on the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). I, and Task Force Officer Raymond Nafey, serve as the co-case agents on this investigation.

2. This affidavit is submitted in opposition to the defendant's motion(s) to suppress items seized from his residence on June 22, 2010.

3. In or about the Spring of 2010, the Albany JTTF began a mail fraud investigation of the defendant, and his



associate, Jeffrey Burfeindt. Generally, investigators believed that the defendant and Mr. Burfeindt were engaged in a mail fraud conspiracy in which they would mail, file, and serve various fraudulent financial demand letters, judgments and liens against numerous municipal employees of the Town of Lloyd, its police force, and Ulster County.

4. During the investigation, investigators obtained information that the defendant was residing in an apartment located at 120 Mountain View Road, apartment no. 207, Sherburne, New York. On June 18, 2010, your affiant presented (to Magistrate Judge David Homer) an application to search the aforementioned residence. Included within the search warrant application was information that investigators believed justified a "no knock" entry of the premises. In particular, your affiant was concerned for the safety of investigators.

5. On June 18, 2010 Magistrate Judge Homer signed a "no knock" search warrant permitting investigators to search the defendant's residence. The face of the search warrant signed by Judge Homer contained the words "\*\*\* NO KNOCK \*\*\*".

6. Prior to presenting the search warrant application to Judge Homer, investigators conducted surveillance of the defendant's residence and took still photographs of the residence. The photographs contained in Government Exhibit 4 (GE-4), depict the defendant's residence prior to the date on which the search warrant application was presented to Judge Homer.

7. At approximately 8:00 a.m. on the morning of June 22, 2010, your affiant, FBI Special Agents James Kolbe and Brandon Goad, and FBI Task Force Officers Raymond Nafey and Mark Kleist, now in possession of the signed search warrant, assembled outside of the closed door leading into the defendant's residence. TFO Kleist then shouted "search warrant" and the door (depicted in the photographs marked as GE-5) was breached with a one-person ram. The door opened after the first strike of the ram. Your affiant was the first individual to cross the threshold and go inside of the residence.

8. As your affiant entered the defendant's residence I announced the presence of law enforcement officers. I first encountered a small set of steps that lead to a bathroom. (See GE-5). The bathroom door was open and your affiant witnessed the

defendant sitting on the toilet, wearing nothing but a pair of shorts that were around his ankles. Your affiant also witnessed a woman (later identified as the defendant's common law wife) using the sink next to the toilet on which the defendant was sitting. Your affiant instructed the defendant's common law wife to move toward the investigators. When she was with the investigators, your affiant instructed the defendant to remain still so that investigators could determine if there were any additional individuals in the residence or any threats to the investigators' safety. Once the investigators determined that the residence was secure, the defendant was permitted to get dressed. Thereafter, the previously mentioned investigators, as well as additional investigators, began searching for the items referenced in Attachment A of the search warrant. While the investigators conducted the search, your affiant interviewed, separately, the defendant and his common law wife.

9. Following the interview of the defendant, he was arrested pursuant to an arrest warrant previously issued by Judge Homer. No items were seized from the defendant's person during the search of his residence or during his arrest.

10. The search of the defendant's residence lasted approximately four hours. Investigators seized a number of items pursuant to the search warrant. Investigators also took numerous still photographs while the search was in progress. Some of the photographs taken on June 22, 2010 are contained in GE-5.

11. While it is not clearly captured in the photographs contained in GE-5, there was minimal damage to the door and door frame through which investigators entered the defendant's residence. In particular, part of the molding surrounding the door jam was broken and the door itself contained a mark from the ram. The door did not come off its hinges and was still operable at the time investigators departed the search site.

12. As investigators departed the defendant's residence, an inventory of seized items and a copy of the search warrant was left with the defendant's common law wife.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CW', is written over a horizontal line.

Christopher West  
Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS

30th Day of September, 2010

Margaret B. Baldwin  
Notary Public

MARGARET B. BALDWIN  
Notary Public - State of New York  
No. 01BA6137225  
Qualified in Saratoga County  
My Commission Expires Nov. 21, 2013